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Mr. JOHNSTON of South Carolina (for himself and Mr. CARLSON) (by request) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Post Office and Civil Service

JULY 29, 1955

Reported by Mr. JOHNSTON of South Carolina, with amendments

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A BILL

To increase rates of compensation of the heads and assistant heads of executive departments and independent agencies, and for other purposes.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-

2 tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

3 TITLE I—EXECUTIVE PAY ACT AMENDMENTS

4 OF 1955

5 SEC. 101. This title may be

6 Pay Act Amendments of 1955".

7 SEC. 102. The Act of October

⁸ Public Law 359 (Eighty-first Congress), as amended and

9. supplemented, is amended as follows:

10 (a) Section 1 is amended to read as follows: "That

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1 the rate of basic compensation of the head of each executive
2 department, of the Secretary of Defense, and of the Director
3 of the Bureau of the Budget shall be \$25,000 per annum;
4 the rate of basic compensation of the Deputy Secretary of
5 Defense, *of the Comptroller General of the United States*,
6 and of the Under Secretary of State shall be \$22,500 per
7 annum; and the rate of basic compensation of the Secre-
8 tary of the Army, the Secretary of the Navy, the Secretary
9 of the Air Force, the Director of the Federal Bureau of
10 Investigation, the Director of Central Intelligence, and the
11 Administrator of Veterans' Affairs shall be, respectively,
12 \$22,000 per annum.

13 (b) Section 2 (a) is amended by striking out
14 "\$20,000", "\$18,000", and "\$15,000" and inserting in lieu
15 thereof "\$22,500", "\$21,000", and "\$20,000", respectively.

16 (c) Section 3 is amended to read as follows: "The rate
17 of basic compensation of each Under Secretary of an execu-
18 tive department (other than the Department of State), the
19 Deputy Postmaster General, *the Comptroller General of the*
20 *United States*, the Deputy Administrator of Veterans'
21 Affairs, the Administrator of General Services, the Housing
22 and Home Finance Administrator, and the Director of the
23 International Cooperation Administration shall be \$21,000
24 per annum."

25 (d) Section 4 is amended to read as follows: "The rate

1 of basic compensation of the Assistant Comptroller General
2 of the United States, the Deputy Director of the Bureau
3 of the Budget, the Deputy Administrator of Veterans'
4 Affairs, the Federal Mediation and Conciliation Director, the
5 Chairman of the Civil Service Commission, members of the
6 Council of Economic Advisers, members of the Board of
7 Governors of the Federal Reserve System, members of the
8 Board of Directors of the Federal Deposit Insurance Cor-
9 poration (including the Comptroller of the Currency), and
10 of each Deputy Under Secretary of an executive depart-
11 ment, shall be \$20,500 per annum."

12 (e) Section 5 (a) (relating to the compensation of
13 assistant secretaries of executive departments and members
14 of most independent boards and commissions) is amended
15 (A) by striking out "\$15,000" and inserting in lieu
16 thereof "\$20,000"; (B) by striking out "Assistant Federal
17 Security Administration Administrator", "and the Deputy
18 Under Secretaries of State", "each Assistant Attorney Gen-
19 eral", "the Assistant Solicitor General of the United States",
20 "the Chief of Staff of the Joint Committee on Internal
21 Revenue Taxation", "the Architect of the Capitol", and "the
22 Philippine Alien Property Administrator, members (other
23 than the Chairman) of the Board of Directors of the Export-
24 Import Bank of Washington, members (other than the
25 Chairman) of the Board of Directors of the Reconstruction

1 Finance Corporation, members (other than the Chairman)
2 of the United States Maritime Commission"; (C) by insert-
3 ing "the Associate Director of the Federal Bureau of Investi-
4 gation, the Deputy Director of Central Intelligence, *the*
5 *Administrator of the Saint Lawrence Seaway Development*
6 *Corporation, the Administrator of the Small Business*
7 *Administration, the Director of Selective Service,"; and*
8 (D) by inserting after the words "the Counselor of the
9 Department of State", the following: "the Legal Adviser,
10 Solicitor, or General Counsel of an executive department
11 when required to be appointed by the President".

12 (f) Section 5 (b) (relating to the compensation of the
13 Director of the Administrative Office of the United States
14 Courts) is amended by striking out "\$15,000" and inserting
15 in lieu thereof "\$20,000".

16 (g) Section 6 (a) is amended (A) by striking out
17 "\$14,800" and inserting in lieu thereof "\$17,500"; and
18 (B) by striking out "the Housing Expediter", "*the Director*
19 *of Selective Service*", "*the Assistant Architect of the Capitol*",
20 "members of the Displaced Persons Commission", "members
21 of the Philippine War Damage Commission", "Governor of
22 the Farm Credit Administration", "the Associate Director
23 of the Federal Bureau of Investigation", and "the Deputy
24 Director of Central Intelligence"; and (C) by inserting "*the*
25 *Deputy Administrator of the Saint Lawrence Seaway De-*

*1 development Corporation, each Deputy Administrator, Small
2 Business Administration, and the Chief of Staff of the Joint
3 Committee on Internal Revenue Taxation".*

4 SEC. 103. Except in cases where a higher rate may be
5 provided in this or any other Act, the chairman of an inde-
6 pendent board or commission, or of an independent body of
7 similar organizational type, in the executive branch, during
8 the period of his service as such, shall receive compensation
9 at a rate which is \$500 more per annum than the rate at
10 which other members of the board or commission are
11 compensated.

12 TITLE II—STATUTORY SALARY RATE AMEND-
13 MENTS OF 1955

14 SEC. 201. This title may be cited as the "Statutory
15 Salary Rate Amendments of 1955".

16 SEC. 202. Except as otherwise provided in this Act,
17 rates of basic compensation existing immediately prior to
18 the effective date of this Act, and expressly established by
19 statute or reorganization plan for positions in the executive
20 branch at rates equal to those payable immediately prior
21 to the effective date of this Act under Public Law 359,
22 Eighty-first Congress, approved October 15, 1949, are here-
23 by increased as follows: (A) \$22,500 is increased to \$25,-
24 000; (B) \$20,000 is increased to \$22,500; (C) \$18,000

1 is increased to \$22,000; (D) \$17,500 is increased to \$21,-
2 000; (E) \$16,000 is increased to \$20,500; (F) \$15,000 is
3 increased to \$20,000; and (G) \$14,800 is increased to
4 \$17,500. Such augmented rates shall be considered to be
5 the regular rates of compensation.

6 SEC. 203. Nothing in this Act shall affect rates of basic
7 compensation established under the Atomic Energy Act of
8 1954, Public Law 703, 83d Congress, approved August 30,
9 1954, or rates of basic compensation established under Public
10 Law 9, Eighty-fourth Congress, March 2, 1955.

11 SEC. 204. The compensation for each of the offices
12 established by section 1 (d) of Reorganization Plan Num-
13 bered 7 of 1953, effective August 1, 1953 (67 Stat. 639)
14 shall be established by the Secretary of State at a rate not
15 less than that of Assistant Secretaries of State nor more than
16 that of Deputy Under Secretaries of State.

17 SEC. 205. Section 2 of Public Law 565, Seventy-ninth
18 Congress, approved July 30, 1946 (60 Stat. 712), is
19 amended by striking out "\$12,000" and inserting in lieu
20 thereof "\$15,000".

21 SEC. 206. Section 527 (b) of the Mutual Security Act
22 of 1954, approved August 26, 1954 (Public Law 665,
23 Eighty-third Congress (68 Stat. 832)) is amended by
24 striking out "\$15,000 per annum" and inserting in lieu
25 thereof "the salary rate for Assistant Secretaries of State".

1 TITLE III—CLASSIFICATION ACT AMENDMENTS
2 OF 1955

3 SEC. 301. This title may be cited as the "Classification
4 Act Amendments of 1955".

5 SEC. 302. (a) The compensation schedule for the Gen-
6 eral Schedule contained in section 603 (b) of the Classi-
7 fication Act of 1949, as amended, is amended by striking
8 out:

"GS-17----- 13,975 14,190 14,405 14,620
 GS-18----- 14,800"

9 and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

"GS-17---- 13, 975 14, 190 14, 405 14, 620 14, 885
 GS-18---- 16, 000 16, 500 17, 000 17, 500"

10 (b) The rates of basic compensation of officers and
11 employees to whom this section applies shall be initially
12 adjusted as follows:

13 (1) If the officer or employee is receiving basic com-
14 pensation immediately prior to the effective date of this
15 Act at a scheduled rate of grade 17 or 18 of the General
16 Schedule, he shall receive a rate of basic compensation at
17 the corresponding scheduled rate in effect on and after such
18 date;

19 (2) If the officer or employee, immediately prior to
20 the effective date of this section, is in a position in grade 17
21 of the General Schedule and is receiving basic compensation
22 at a rate between two scheduled rates of such grade, he

1 shall receive a rate of basic compensation at the higher of
2 the two corresponding rates in effect on and after such date;
3 (3) If the officer or employee, immediately prior to
4 the effective date of this section, is in a position in grade
5 17 of the General Schedule and is receiving basic compen-
6 sation at a rate which is in excess of the maximum scheduled
7 rate of his grade as provided in this section, he shall continue
8 to receive such higher rate of basic compensation until (i)
9 he leaves such position, or (ii) he is entitled to receive
10 basic compensation at a higher rate by reason of the opera-
11 tion of the Classification Act of 1949, as amended; but when
12 such position becomes vacant, the rate of basic compensation
13 of any subsequent appointee thereto shall be fixed in accord-
14 ance with such Act, as amended.

15 TITLE IV—FOREIGN SERVICE ACT AMENDMENTS
16 OF 1955

17 SEC. 401. This title may be cited as the "Foreign Service
18 Act Amendments of 1955".

19 SEC. 402. Section 411 of the Foreign Service Act of
20 1946 (60 Stat. 999), as amended, is amended to read as
21 follows:

22 "SEC. 411. The President shall for salary purposes
23 classify into four classes the positions which are to be occu-
24 pied by chiefs of mission. The per annum salaries of chiefs

1 of mission within each class shall be as follows: Class 1,
2 \$27,500 per annum; class 2, \$25,000; class 3, \$22,500; and
3 class 4, \$20,000."

4 SEC. 403. Section 412 of such Act, as amended, is
5 amended in the following respects: (a) by deleting in the
6 second sentence of said section, "\$14,800", and inserting
7 in lieu thereof, "\$17,500", and (b) by deleting the reference
8 to classes 1 and 2 and the salary rates provided for such
9 classes and inserting in lieu thereof the following: "Class
10 1, \$14,500, \$15,000, \$15,500, \$16,000, \$16,500; class 2,
11 \$12,000, \$12,400, \$12,800, \$13,200, \$13,600, \$14,000;".

12 SEC. 404. Under such regulations as the Secretary of
13 State shall prescribe, each Foreign Service officer in the
14 class of career minister or in classes 1 or 2 and each Foreign
15 Service Reserve officer receiving salary set at one of the
16 rates provided for classes 1 or 2 shall receive salary at that
17 one of the salary rates prescribed by section 412, as amended,
18 which the Secretary shall consider it appropriate for such
19 officer to receive.

20 TITLE V—POSTAL FIELD SERVICE AMENDMENTS
21 OF 1955

22 SEC. 501. This title may be cited as the "Postal Field
23 Service Amendments of 1955".

24 SEC. 502. The Postal Field Service Schedule in section

1 301 (a) of the Act of June 10, 1955 (Public Law 68, 84th
2 Congress) is amended by striking the following portion:

"18----- 12,500 12,800 13,100 13,400 13,700 14,000 14,300
19----- 13,600 13,900 14,200 14,500 14,800 -----
20----- 14,800"

3 and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

"18----- 12,800 13,100 13,400 13,700 14,000 14,300 14,600
19----- 14,000 14,300 14,600 14,900 15,200 15,500 15,800
20----- 16,000 16,300 16,600 16,900 17,200 17,500 -----"
20----- 16,000 16,300 16,600 16,900 17,200 -----"

4 TITLE VI—VETERANS' ADMINISTRATION MEDICINE AND SURGERY AMENDMENTS OF 1955

6 SEC. 601. This title may be cited as the "Veterans' Administration Medicine and Surgery Amendments of 1955".

8 SEC. 602. Section 3 of the Act of January 3, 1946, as
9 amended, (38 U. S. C. 15b) is hereby amended as follows:

10 (a) The last sentence of section 3 (b) is amended to
11 read: "During the period of his service as such, the Chief
12 Medical Director shall be paid a salary of \$17,800 a year."

13 (b) The last sentence of section 3 (c) is amended to
14 read: "During the period of his service as such, the Deputy
15 Chief Medical Director shall be paid a salary of \$16,800
16 a year."

17 (c) That portion of section 3 (d) which precedes the
18 proviso is amended to read: "Each Assistant Chief Medical
19 Director shall be appointed by the Administrator upon the
20 recommendation of the Chief Medical Director and shall be
21 paid a salary of \$15,800."

1 TITLE VII—RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT

2 SALARY AMENDMENTS OF 1955

3 SEC. 701. This title may be cited as the "Research and
4 Development Salary Amendments of 1955".

5 SEC. 702. Sections 171p, 230, 476, 626t of title 5 of the
6 United States Code, section 158 of title 50 of the United
7 States Code, and section 210 (g) of title 42 of the United
8 States Code (relating to salary limitations on research and
9 development positions requiring the services of specially
10 qualified scientific or professional personnel in the Depart-
11 ment of Defense, the National Advisory Committee for
12 Aeronautics, and the United States Public Health Service,
13 respectively) are amended by striking out "\$10,000" and
14 "\$15,000" and inserting in lieu thereof "\$12,500" and
15 "\$17,500", respectively.

16 SEC. 703. The salary amendments contained in section
17 702 shall not affect the authority of the Civil Service Com-
18 mission or the procedure for fixing the pay of individual offi-
19 cers or employees under the statutes therein amended; except
20 that the existing rate of basic compensation of any officer or
21 employee to whom this title applies which is less than a rate
22 of \$12,500 per annum shall be increased to such rate on the
23 effective date of this title.

24 SEC. 704. Section 113a of title 21 of the United States
25 Code (relating to salary limitation on technical experts or

1 scientists for research and study of foot-and-mouth disease and
2 other animal diseases) is hereby amended by striking out
3 "\$15,000" and inserting in lieu thereof "\$17,500".

4 **TITLE VIII—EFFECTIVE DATE**

5 SEC. 801. This Act shall take effect at the beginning of
6 the first pay period following the date of enactment of this
7 Act.

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